

**Legal Notice**  
**Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Effects**  
**Environmental Assessment for**  
**Spencer Integrated Weed Management Project,**  
**U.S. Forest Service, Chugach National Forest, Glacier Ranger District,**  
**Alaska Region**

The Forest Service, Chugach National Forest, Glacier Ranger District, has completed an Environmental Assessment for the Spencer Integrated Weed Management Project located near Spencer Lake on the Kenai Peninsula, Alaska. The Assessment was distributed for public comment for the 30 day period ending February 21, 2009. Based on this analysis and public comments, District Ranger Kate P. Walker elected Alternative 2, which allow treatment of 10 acres with Integrated Weed Management (IWM) methods in the Spencer area. Activities will occur at the following locations: the siding area, approximately five miles of road and trail, some Whistle Stop developments, and the old rock quarry and gravel pit sites. IWM methods mean that a combination of management techniques is used to control a particular invasive plant species or infestations efficiently and effectively, with minimum adverse impacts to non-target organisms. The EA describes in detail the species-specific and site-specific actions that are designed to be practical with minimal risk. Alternative 2 includes both the use of herbicide (glyphosate) and manual controls, such as hand pulling. Treatments would occur annually for up to five years and then reevaluated for effectiveness.

Copies of this Environmental Assessment and Decision Notice may be obtained on the internet at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r10/Chugach/> or by contacting:

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This decision is subject to administrative review (appeal) pursuant to 36 CFR Part 215. Individuals or non-federal organizations who submitted written comments or otherwise expressed interest in this particular action during the comment period specified at 215.6 have standing to appeal this decision.

The notice of appeal must be in writing, meet the appeal content requirements at 215.14 and be filed with the Appeal Deciding Officer:

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The Notice of Appeal, including attachments, must be filed (regular mail, fax, e-mail, express delivery or messenger service) with the Appeal Deciding Officer at the correct location within 45 calendar days

of publication of notice of this decision in the Anchorage Daily News, the newspaper of record for the Glacier Ranger District. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an appeal. Those wishing to appeal this decision should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source.

Appeals submitted electronically, including attachments, must be in an electronic format compatible with Microsoft Word. Please state the title of the project, Spencer Integrated Weed Management Project, in the subject line.

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